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PART 1. -- GENERAL

101. CHANGE OF SGLI RATES.--a. Reference: Message, R072029 Jul 78, NGB-ARC, effective 1 Jul 78, the office of Secretary of Defense has announced by Memorandum, dated 3 Jul 78, that monthly premiums for full-time Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) are reduced. The revised rates are as follows:

\$20,000 Insurance - \$3.00 premium per month
\$15,000 Insurance - \$2.25 premium per month
\$10,000 Insurance - \$1.50 premium per month
\$ 5,000 Insurance - \$.75 premium per month

b. Official notification will be published as interim change Number 248, Department of Defense Pay Manual. No action is required from the unit, the program at USAFAC will be changed as appropriate.

PART 2. -- PERSONNEL

201. SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORTS.--a. The Annual Evaluation Reporting period has been changed by Chapter 2, AR 135-204, dated 15 May 1978.

b. The following schedule is quoted from para 2-8 AR 135-205.

SCHEDULES FOR SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORTS

Pay Grade	Closing Date
E5 (only after completion of one year as an E5)	August
E6	September
E7	October
E8, E9	November

c. Enlisted Evaluation Reports will be submitted to this office no later than 45 days from closing date.

202. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MONTANA ARNG TECHNICIAN ASSIGNMENTS.--The following technician assignments are announced in the Montana Army National Guard for the month of July.

POSITION	LOCATION	GRADE
DUFFNER, LORIE K. Military Pay Clerk	Helena MT	GS-05
GROVE, HAROLD L. Fabric Worker	Helena MT	WG-09
MOONEY, RICHARD R. Command Admin Asst	Kalispell MT	GS-10
BARNDT, JEANNE M. Data Transcriber	Helena MT	GS-03

203. TECHNICIAN VACANCIES.--The following vacancies are announced in the Montana Army National Guard. Refer to Technician Vacancy Announcement posted on unit bulletin boards for details.

POSITION	LOCATION	GRADE
Warehouseman	Helena MT	WG-05
Admin Supply Tech	Billings MT	GS-07

PART 3. -- OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

301. INTERIM CHANGE NO. TWO TO FORSCOM REG 55-1.--Pending republication of FORSCOM Reg 55-1, Transportation and Travel, Unit Movement Plans and Reports, 1 Sep 76, the following change applies; para 1-3, delete the second and third sentences. Appendix A, delete all single and double asterisks that mark publications mandatory. Bottom of page A-5 delete the two mandatory remarks entirely.

302. TRAINING ACCIDENT.--a. Recently, a serious accident occurred because of personnel firing wrong ammunition (AN-M8 Pistol, Pyrotechnic) in the M-79 or M203 Grenade Launcher.

b. Firing of any ammunition other than on pages 14, 15 and 16 of TM9-1005-221-10 is not authorized and will not be condoned.

PART 4. -- SUPPLY

PART 5. -- FISCAL AND TRANSPORTATION

PART 6. -- MAINTENANCE

601. M60 ROADWHEEL WEAR PLATE PARTS KIT, NSN 2530-00-250-0977; BOLT, NSN 5305-00-296-2808.--The following message NGB 171425Z Jul 78 is quoted for your information:

"1. Subject wear plate contains ten (10) each bolts, NSN 5305-00-296-2808, P/N M590726-65, which are about ½ inch too long for their intended application.

2. When these bolts are applied, they must be reworked, i.e., grinding, cutting or they will protrude and interfere with the center guides, and therefore will shear off and fall out because of lack of thread contact.

3. To preclude this problem, a new bolt, NSN 5305-00-296-2804, P/N M590726-61, will replace the existing bolt in future wear plate kits. The new bolt is 1-1/8 inch long instead of 1-3/4 inch long and can be obtained through normal supply channels.

4. When the wear plate kit is received, the old bolts should be discarded and the new bolts applied. If the new bolts are not readily available, the old bolts can be reworked. However, more manhours will be required to accomplish this task."

602. PLL STOCKAGE AND REPLINISHMENT.--Reference AR/NGR 710-2.

a. IAW section V, chapter 2, AR/NGR 710-2, all PLL stocks will be on hand or on order.

(1) Urgency of need designator (UND) "C" will be used to determine the priority designator (PD) for replinishment of a line when items on the PLL are used and the line is not at zero balance.

(2) Urgency of need designator (UND) "B" will be used to determine the priority designator (PD) for total replenishment of a line when the line is at zero balance on the PLL.

b. Other supplies consumed in the performance of maintenance and not listed in applicable technical manuals (e.g. rags, welding rods, friction tape) and those items available from QSS/SSSC may be requested and stocked based on usage. Stockage will be limited to a 15 day operating level. These items and any item obtained from QSS/SSSC will not be included on the PLL.

603. M2 & M2A MODEL BURNER UNITS.--TWX NGB 131550Z Jul 78 is quoted for your information.

Subject: M2 Model Burner Unit NSN 7310-00-842-9247 and M2A Model Burner Unit NSN 7310-01-017-1285.

a. The U-Tank Assembly and Mixing Chamber Assembly on subject Burner Units differ in design, therefore, the following components must be matched in order to assemble properly.

(1) M2 Model Burner Unit U-Tank Assembly NSN 7310-00-879-1740 and Mixing Chamber Assembly NSN 7310-00-999-2497.

The U-Tank NSN 7310-00-879-1740 can be identified by an indentation in top rear portion of U-Tank.

The Mixing Chamber Assembly NSN 7310-00-999-2497 can be identified by the overall length of 18 inches.

(2) M2A Model Burner Unit CLW U-Tank Assembly NSN 7310-01-016-2241 and Mixing Chamber Assembly NSN 7310-01-016-2241.

The U-Tank NSN 7310-01-016-2242 can be identified by the absence of the indentation in top rear portion of U-Tank. Also a bracket is welded to the middle part of U-Tank.

The Mixing Chamber Assembly NSN 7310-01-016-2241 can be identified by the overall length of 103/4 inches.

b. U.S. Army Natick Reserach and Development Command has developed a new Mixing Chamber Assembly Part No. 4-11-1240-13 (81337) which is completely interchangeable between the M2 and M2A Burner U-Tanks. NSN is being obtained, but is not available at this time.

c. Technical Manual, TM10-7360-204-13 will be revised to reflect above data.

d. There are no modifications of the U-Tank Assemblies authorized to accommodate old Mixing Chamber Assemblies to new U-Tank Assemblies.

PART 7. -- SAFETY

701. BLASTING CAP SEALANT (NSN 1375-00-212-4603).--a. An ARNG unit recently reported a container of subject sealant burst open causing minor injury to the individual handling the container. The container burst open from internal pressure of solvent vapor and hydrogen gas generated by the chemical reaction of sealant, container metal, aging and handling.

b. Caution must be exercised when opening or handling container of subject item. To avoid injury from mishandling of container, container cover, or its contents, an individual should wear safety goggles, face shield, apron and gloves.

c. The presence of gases is indicated by either bulged cans or a popping noise when cans are opened. This condition is considered minor. It is possible that the sealant will jell to a point that the blasting cap could not be dipped into it. This condition is considered a major defect.

d. All containers of blasting cap sealant should be opened to release gas where present and the sealant inspected for jelling. Where jelling is found, the sealant should be reported for disposal and replacement requested.

e. Cans and sealant can be disposed of taking the same precautions as would be appropriate for paint or other flammable items. It is suggested that the sealant be burned if possible.

f. Subject sealant may be found in the following kits which are presently authorized ARNG units in 49 of 53 state entities.

LIN	NOMENCLATURE	NSN
F91490	Demo Set Expl Elect	1375-00-047-3750
F91627	Demo Set Expl Non-Elect	1375-00-047-3751

702. PREVENTION OF HEAT INJURIES.--a. Unaccustomed physical exertion during hot weather must be limited to help prevent heat injuries. Successful prevention depends on educating and acclimatizing personnel and by command awareness and enforcement of preventive measures.

b. Unacclimatized personnel and personnel subjected to physical exertion exceeding their fitness capabilities are particularly susceptible. Training and work schedules for annual training and other training periods should be prepared to permit a gradual increase in physical exertion and to avoid heat exposure when personnel are excessively fatigued. Excessive fatigue may be avoided by scheduling frequent rest periods during training.

c. Appropriate preventive measures are provided in para 4-33, AR 40-5 and chap 17, FM21-10. Guidance is also discussed in these references regarding adequate water and salt intake. This guidance indicates that under most circumstances, salt tablets are not required, as the increased salt requirement is best provided by using more salt on foods at meal time. Under no circumstances should plain salt tablets be used.

PART 8. -- FACILITIES AND SECURITY

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PART 9. -- UNOFFICIAL

901. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.--The following officers received Federal recognition.

BONNY, ROBERT E. 1LT Trp N 163d Armd Cav	9 Mar 78
HILDRETH, CHARLES S. 1LT HHT(-) 1/163d Armd Cav	27 Mar 78

902. COST OF LIVING INCREASE.--The cost of living (COL) increase for 1 Sep 78 will be approximately five percent (5%) for personnel who retire on 1 Sep 78 or after. Those who are eligible to retire and do so by 31 Aug 78 are also eligible for the 2.4% COL increase that was effective 1 Mar 78. If you have any questions, contact the Technician Personnel Office.